



2012 | ANNUAL
REPORT

FUNDING AND PROTECTING
PARKS WHERE YOU LIVE

“The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education and inspiration of this and future generations. The Park Service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.”

THE MISSION OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



“The purposes of this Act are to assist in preserving, developing, and assuring accessibility to...present and future generations...such quality and quantity of outdoor recreation resources as may be available and are necessary and desirable for individual active participation in such recreation and to strengthen the health and vitality of the Citizens of the United States...”

“No property acquired or developed with assistance under this section shall, without the approval of the Secretary, be converted to other than public outdoor recreation uses...” [SECTION 6(f)(3)]

FROM THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ACT OF 1965

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES AND THEIR NATURAL ECONOMIC ASSETS

I am pleased to share the National Park Service’s annual report on the accomplishments of our Land and Water Conservation Fund’s State and Local Assistance Program (LWCF) for fiscal year 2012. This year’s report highlights some of the ways in which the LWCF Program supports the economies of state and local governments that have partnered with the NPS to invest in acquiring and developing parks and other outdoor recreation facilities. In fiscal year 2012, the NPS awarded \$42,051,200 in grants for parks in 314 communities. These grant dollars helped leverage an additional \$48,198,287 in state, local, and private dollars as match.



Many understand the health and social benefits parks provide, such as improving fitness, enhancing the quality of the environment, and helping families and neighbors connect with one another. Another significant benefit derived from parks is their role as economic drivers, making them community assets in every sense of the term. Direct economic benefits include supporting a variety of local businesses through spending by park visitors, creating jobs and income for residents, and enhancing property values of nearby homes; all of which generate revenue for the communities near the parks. Indirectly, parks can help lower health care costs and the expense of constructing public infrastructure like stormwater management systems. Even better, the land protection provisions of the LWCF ensure that assisted parks will provide these benefits to future generations of Americans.

This report highlights some of our best work in 2012. On behalf of all Americans, we pledge to do even more in the years ahead.

**Jonathan B. Jarvis, Director
National Park Service**



The outdoor recreation economy grew approximately 5 percent annually between 2005 and 2011 when many other industries declined.¹

Photo: Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park, Michigan
Credit: © David Braithwaite, 2012 1st Place National Natural Landmark Program Photo Contest

FUNDING AND PROTECTING PARKS WHERE YOU LIVE

Although the program may not sound familiar, chances are you have visited a park that has benefitted from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). In 1965, the LWCF was created in response to a bi-partisan Congressional mandate to meet the nation's growing need for access to close-to-home outdoor recreation. The money for the fund comes not from taxes, but primarily from oil and gas lease revenues derived from federal lands. This helps balance the environmental impacts associated with resource extraction by ensuring that new park lands are set aside for endless enjoyment.

The LWCF currently funds several grant programs, including the State and Local Assistance Program, the subject of this report. This program provides grants to local, state, and tribal governments for planning, acquisition, and development of outdoor recreation lands throughout the country. Grant sponsors must match the federal award by contributing at least 50 percent of a project's funding using local resources and private donations.

This funding is used to renovate existing sites, develop new facilities, acquire land for public parks, and promote statewide recreation planning. Program projects range from active recreation facilities to natural areas for people to explore—all of which can be visited and enjoyed by everyone. To ensure these public outdoor recreation places and opportunities are available for present and future generations, grant sponsors commit to keeping funded lands set aside for outdoor recreation in perpetuity.

In partnership with states and territories, the National Park Service administers the LWCF State and Local Assistance Program to ensure that funds are used according to the purposes of the Act and to safeguard the legacy of protected places. This helps us meet our mission to extend the benefits of outdoor recreation beyond the boundaries of the national parks and into the neighborhoods where people live and work every day.



Photo: Gattman Park, Muscle Shoals, Alabama
Credit: City of Muscle Shoals

CREATING NEW PARKS

LWCF-assisted parks touch the lives of people living in more than 98 percent of U.S. counties. This year, LWCF grants supported the creation of 32 brand new parks. Some of these projects are highlighted below.

CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA

Alabama & Florida Rail Trail

The city will acquire right-of-way along a portion of a 42.9-mile abandoned rail corridor. The city is a partner in a project that plans to develop the corridor as a multi-use trail for hiking, bicycling, and horseback riding.

THE DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS HERITAGE

Devil's Eyebrow Natural Area

The department will acquire 200 acres of ecologically sensitive land to create a new natural area. The land is known for its unique rock formations and statuesque trees.

CITY OF BREA, CALIFORNIA

The Tracks at Brea

The city will acquire 3.6 acres of abandoned rail land for development of a pedestrian and bicycle trail.

CITY OF SEMINOLE, FLORIDA

Waterfront Park

The city will acquire 6 acres of land to create a new park that will provide picnic areas and a non-motorized boat launch. The new park also will provide public access to Pinellas Bay.

MCDUFFIE COUNTY, GEORGIA

Thompson City Park

The county will acquire 2.5 acres for a new park and will develop a walking trail, playground, and a splash pad. The new park will be within convenient walking distance to a low income neighborhood and will provide children and adults a place to be active and engage with their community.

MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA

White River Greenway

The county will acquire 29 acres for development of a new greenway along the White River. They'll also construct the greenway's trailhead, completing a parking area, trail, picnic area, habitat improvements, and a nature observation area.

CITY OF GONZALES, LOUISIANA

Lamendola Trail and Nature Center

The city used a 54-acre donation of land as the grant match to develop a new park, starting with construction of the first dog-park in Ascension Parish. Future plans for the park include trails, parking, walking paths, and landscaping.

TOWN OF MEGGETT, SOUTH CAROLINA

Walnut Hill Park

The town will develop 148 vacant acres adjacent to the Ernest F. Hollings ACE Basin National Wildlife Refuge into a new town park. Development will include water access, pathways, viewing platforms, picnic areas, and parking. In addition to serving as a valuable local recreation resource, the new park will provide additional wildlife buffer and water quality benefits to the refuge.

MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Sunset Bluff Natural Area Park

Along with match provided by state grants, a donation from the Trust for Public Land, and assistance from People for Puget Sound, Mason County will acquire 36.5 acres along Oakland Bay for a public park, remove exotic invasive plants, and install park signs.



Credit: Lindsay Pokorak

DEVELOPMENT

ELMORE STATE PARK
LAMOILLE COUNTY, VERMONT

RESTORING A PIECE OF PARK HERITAGE

Created in 1936 by a 30-acre gift from the town of Elmore, the lakeside state park has grown to become a popular recreation facility complete with a campground, trails, and a fire tower lookout that provides breathtaking views. The park's bathhouse, constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps 75 years ago, was showing its age and suffering from decay. With help from the NPS, Vermont has carefully restored the building so that it can once again support recreation activities in the park and positively contribute to the character of the surrounding area.

“The Elmore State Park renovation project is a great example of what can be accomplished when state and federal government work together. Federal LWCF funding helped us pay tribute to our Civilian Conservation Corps heritage by bringing this important recreation resource back for Vermonters and our guests to enjoy for many years to come. It is a perfect way to both respect our past and provide for the future.”

Governor Peter Shumlin



Credit: Lene Gary



Credit: William Murphy

DEVELOPMENT

HERITAGE PARK
CITY OF HARRAH, OKLAHOMA

COOL PROJECT UNITES A COMMUNITY

Before this project was completed, the only water recreation available in Harrah was a fishing pond. The city needed a safe place for children of all ages to play and help meet their daily physical activity goals while finding relief from Oklahoma's hot summers. With significant support and encouragement from the community, the city used grant funds to build a water spray park and enhance existing park features like the amphitheater, restroom, concession facilities, walking trails, playground, picnic facilities, and the fishing pond. This project was so eagerly anticipated by the community, it was finished weeks before the originally planned completion date.



“We can only tell you again and again how grateful we are for the funding provided by the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Without the funding assistance, the Splash at the Park would still only be the community's hope for Heritage Park.”

Earl Burson, Manager, City of Harrah



ACQUISITION

WILLIAM O'BRIEN STATE PARK WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

EXPANDING PUBLIC ACCESS TO A NEARBY GETAWAY

Located along the Saint Croix Wild and Scenic River and less than an hour's drive from the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area, William O'Brien State Park offers close-to-home, nature-based recreation including camping and canoeing. LWCF grant funds helped the state Department of Natural Resources acquire a 97-acre addition that adds woodland habitat, remnants of native prairie, numerous springs, and a trout stream.

"This project forwards the America's Great Outdoors Initiative by protecting our lands and waters and connecting people to their natural and cultural heritage. The protection and management of this parcel and its associated springs and stream will also aid in the water quality initiative on the Saint Croix River as a program of the National Park Service. Providing close-to-home natural recreation opportunities is a high priority of Minnesota's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan."

Joel Stedman, Central Region Manager, MN DNR, Division of Parks and Trails

ACQUISITION

LILY RUCKSTUHL PARK FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA

PARTNERS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE FOR NEW PARK

Finding property for new parks in densely populated Northern Virginia is rare. But thanks to help from the LWCF and the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust, the county was able to acquire 6 acres from the estate of Dr. Lily Ruckstuhl. Dr. Ruckstuhl was an ardent land conservationist and nature lover; it was always her dream the property would be used as a public park. Working together, the federal, state, local, non-profit, and private partners have ensured this gem will be used as a public park forever.



"The Fairfax County Park Authority has long looked to the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program as a valuable resource for providing lasting recreational opportunities for the citizens of Fairfax County. These grants have allowed for the development of both active recreation in the form of ball fields and playgrounds, [and] the preservation and stewardship of valuable natural resources."

John W. Dargle, Director, Fairfax County Park Authority



Credit: Phil Hauck



Credit: Phil Hauck



Credit: Glenview Park District

ACQUISITION

**THE GROVE
GLENVIEW PARK DISTRICT, ILLINOIS**

PROTECTING A LEGACY

The Grove, part of the estate of visionary horticulturist and educator Dr. John Kennicott, was designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1976. With help from the NPS, the park district secured an additional 12.5 acres of the original estate, expanding the existing park site to 135.5 acres. The parcel's high-quality upland forest and wetlands will also qualify it for Illinois Nature Preserve status. The unique combination of natural and cultural resources at the park makes it a special recreation treasure for all.

“As natural areas continue to diminish due to development, this property is extremely important for the protection and conservation of wildlife and preservation of open space so rare in a metropolitan area. Without the support [from grants], this monumental purchase would not have been possible.”

**Chuck Balling, Executive Director,
Glenview Park District**

Credit: Jim Naureckas



Credit: Tom Hasslinger

DEVELOPMENT

**MAJESTIC PARK
CITY OF RATHDRUM, IDAHO**

SMALL TOWN PROJECT HAS BIG COMMUNITY IMPACT

Taking advantage of a dip in construction costs, Rathdrum raced forward to implement a new vision for Majestic Park. Starting with essentially a blank slate, the newly completed park now features two new natural grass softball fields (including backstops, dugouts, and outfield fencing) that can be restriped for football and soccer, a playground suitable for ages 5-12, a splash pad, park furnishings and landscaping, and 180 parking spaces. The reactions seen at the park's grand opening event show just how important the NPS' investment is to this community.



Credit: City of Rathdrum



Credit: Tom Hasslinger

“The opening of our new Majestic Park has been awesome for our city. I am excited with our success in building Majestic Park because it was built during tough economic times, leveraging great bid pricing, and using mostly city impact fee money along with [an LWCF grant]. The combination of good planning, great timing, and successful partnerships provided a great combination to get Majestic Park built.”

**Mayor Vic Holmes,
City of Rathdrum**



“Funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, in conjunction with the substantial donation of time, materials, and community labor, created something much more than a block and mortar concession stand. The community created a centerpiece for special events and a facility that allows children to play and learn the values necessary to become well-rounded adults.”

Pat Kelly,
Manager, Crawford County

DEVELOPMENT

**CRAWFORD COUNTY PARK,
CRAWFORD COUNTY, GEORGIA**

COMMUNITY PITCHES IN TO EXPAND PROJECT SCOPE

Despite the county’s difficult economic situation, the physical conditions of the concession building at Crawford County Park were so poor that they submitted a \$52,800 grant request to allow them to make some modest renovations. However, community pride and commitment to the project soon translated into donations of time and materials from local businesses such that the county was able to expand the scope of the project to build a two-story concession, restroom, press box combination building and also develop a new pavilion, dugouts, concrete walkway, pillar entryway, and landscaping.



All credits: Georgia State Parks and Historic Sites



Credit: Washington Recreation and Conservation Office



Credit: Russ Carmack

DEVELOPMENT

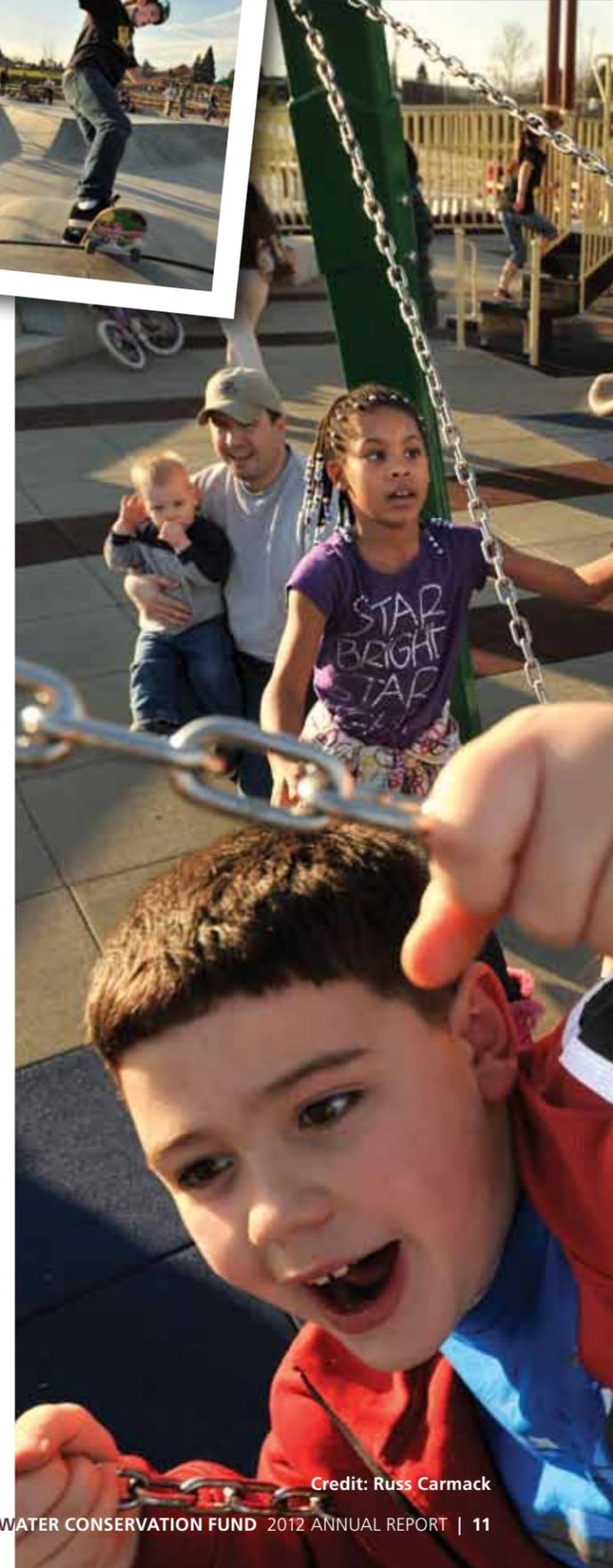
**GEORGE B. KANDLE PARK,
METRO PARKS TACOMA, WASHINGTON**

BIG RETURN ON SMALL INVESTMENT

Donated to the district in 1955, Kandle Park was due for a major renovation. Using an LWCF grant that was just 8 percent of the total project cost, the district leveraged voter-approved bond funds to complete major renovations including a new wave pool, new kiddie pool, new mini spray playground, new skate dots, and a larger and totally inclusive playground. The project also included replacement of the restroom, a new pool bathhouse, and new pool storage, concession, and administration buildings.

“The renewal of Kandle Park has been transformative. The park is filled with children and families using the walking paths, playground, skate features, and sports courts virtually year round. And we knew the park’s new wave pool was going to be a big hit when we opened to 52 degree weather with rain coming down sideways and 350 people came through the gate on opening day.”

Larry Dahl,
President, Metro Parks Board of Commissioners



Credit: Russ Carmack



“A place like Oregon’s new Bates State Park embodies the original 1965 vision for the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Without help from the fund, we would have been hard-pressed to create a park out of a former industrial site. By combining Oregon funds with strong community support and Land and Water funds, we’re on the map with trails, a picnic area, and a campground on a national bikeway ‘to strengthen the health and vitality of the citizens.’”

Chris Havel, Department Spokesman, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department



DEVELOPMENT

**BATES STATE PARK
GRANT COUNTY, OREGON**

OREGON BETS ON A NEW STATE PARK

Recognizing the significant contribution that state parks can make to quality of life and economic development, Oregon has used state lottery funds to help acquire and develop eight new parks since 2004. Using an LWCF grant from the NPS to help them stretch those resources, the state opened to the public a brand new campground at Bates State Park. In addition to the campground, the grant helped fund connections to the TransAmerica Bicycle Trail and a new day-use area while preserving features that reveal the site’s history as a former lumber mill and company town.



Credit: NPS

STEWARDSHIP

**SISTERHOOD PARK
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**

**PUBLIC SAFETY PROJECT LEADS TO
NEW SOCCER FIELD**

As part of a project to reduce conflicts between trucks, residential traffic, and pedestrians, the Municipality of Anchorage needed to convert nearly two acres of Sisterhood Park out of recreation use. Thanks in part to the protections granted to the site by Section 6(f)(3) of the LWCF Act, the Municipality was able to ensure a net increase to their park system. Mitigation will include a new soccer field and some much-needed, dedicated parking developed on a 3-acre parcel traded to the park in exchange for the two converted acres.

“The Sisterhood Park LWCF conversion process created two significant successful outcomes for the Spenard neighborhood and outdoor recreation in Anchorage. First, we are looking forward to the replacement soccer field and its new off-street parking. Additionally, the new neighborhood traffic pattern greatly increased traffic safety in a neighborhood with a lot of pedestrian activity.”

Holly Spoth-Torres, Superintendent, Municipality of Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department



PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

STRENGTHEN THE HEALTH AND VITALITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BY MEETING STATE AND LOCALLY IDENTIFIED RECREATION RESOURCE NEEDS.



1. Increase the quantity of outdoor recreation resources for public use and enjoyment.

- New parks created: **32**
- New acres acquired for public recreation: **2,439**



2. Enhance the quality of outdoor recreation resources for public use and enjoyment.

- Parks that were developed with new facilities: **215**
- Parks enhanced with rehabilitated facilities: **99**



3. Ensure close-to-home public outdoor recreation resources.

- Communities benefitting from funded parks: **314**
- Unique public agencies receiving grants: **284**

INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PROTECTED RECREATION RESOURCES AND ENSURE THEIR AVAILABILITY FOR PUBLIC USE IN PERPETUITY.



4. Expand the resources protected by the LWCF Act.

- Acres newly protected by the LWCF Act: **34,809**
- Parks newly protected by the LWCF Act: **173**



5. Ensure that resources protected by the LWCF Act are retained and used for public outdoor recreation.

- LWCF grants inspected: **5,181**
- Conversions resolved: **63**



Photo: Pikes Peak State Park, Iowa
Credit: Iowa Department of Natural Resources



Photo: Haw River State Park, North Carolina
Credit: North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation

“The LWCF serves as a driver for our economy by helping to create spaces where outdoor recreation can take place; these activities in turn support our economy. In fact, consumers in the U.S. spend \$646 billion on outdoor recreation each year. In my home state of California, this translates to \$85 billion annually for California’s economy and 732,000 jobs.”

L. Mark Starr, Iraq War Veteran,
Program Director, Vet Voice Foundation

ENCOURAGE SOUND OUTDOOR RECREATION PLANNING AND LONG-TERM PARTNERSHIPS.



6. Stimulate planning initiatives to help states identify outdoor recreation needs and establish implementation strategies to meet those needs.

- Currently approved Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans (SCORPs): **53**
- SCORPs updated: **3**
- Planning grants awarded: **13**



7. Leverage non-LWCF investments in outdoor recreation.

- Projects that exceeded the 50 percent match requirement: **25**
- Match dollars raised: **\$48,198,287**



More American jobs depend on trail sports (768,000) than there are lawyers (728,200) in the U.S.¹

THE NATIONAL NEED FOR LWCF FUNDING

\$18.58 BILLION IN 2012

Every year, the National Park Service asks each state partner to estimate the total cost of all needed outdoor recreation facility development and parkland acquisition projects at the state and local level that cannot be met with available funding.

With this chart, we seek to demonstrate a consistent picture of this national demand. Forty-nine of our 56 partners reported that available funding met less than 10 percent of their financial need (three were non-reporting). The total national need was \$18,579,534,260 in 2012.

Estimating the unmet need remains a work in progress. The NPS continues to encourage states to look beyond the simple sum of unfunded outdoor recreation projects submitted for LWCF grants in a given year to also include unfunded recreation projects from other sources that would be eligible for LWCF had they applied.



Photo: Cedar Bluff State Park, Kansas
Credit: Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism

“The positive impact of these projects is tremendous. They help our communities in so many ways, from getting kids outdoors to bringing in more visitors, which in turn helps our local restaurants and stores, to, putting it simply, just making people happy.”

Kevin Stankiewicz, Recreation & Trails Grant Coordinator,
North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department

Photo: Blood Run Nature Area, South Dakota
Credit: Mick Zerr

2012 LWCF UNMET NEEDS

State	2012 LWCF Apportionment*	2012 Unmet Need**
Alabama	\$661,462	\$75,790,000
Alaska	\$382,840	\$49,587,589
Arizona	\$840,738	\$162,700,000
Arkansas	\$527,176	\$231,716,346
California	\$3,611,990	\$4,850,000,000
Colorado	\$736,226	\$625,000,000
Connecticut	\$641,555	\$87,000,000
Delaware	\$402,433	\$12,250,000
Florida	\$1,883,182	\$32,129,870
Georgia	\$1,048,483	\$123,000,000
Hawaii	\$447,771	\$2,000,000
Idaho	\$442,394	\$4,222,729
Illinois	\$1,455,215	\$669,382,200
Indiana	\$832,300	\$510,000,000
Iowa	\$553,685	\$249,500,000
Kansas	\$553,236	\$523,366,800
Kentucky	\$631,891	\$9,000,000
Louisiana	\$694,679	\$215,068,823
Maine	\$413,507	\$34,500,000
Maryland	\$817,632	\$79,909,000
Massachusetts	\$917,810	\$17,229,602
Michigan	\$1,142,556	\$370,000,000
Minnesota	\$739,427	\$128,500,000
Mississippi	\$528,326	\$90,000,000
Missouri	\$788,962	\$2,093,050,638
Montana	\$398,392	\$200,000,000
Nebraska	\$471,385	\$98,500,000
Nevada	\$541,960	\$15,300,000
New Hampshire	\$425,179	\$103,555,400
New Jersey	\$1,127,109	\$301,567,215
New Mexico	\$490,219	\$239,400,000
New York	\$2,035,726	\$1,345,964,742
North Carolina	\$986,125	\$1,378,948,051
North Dakota	\$378,419	\$100,000,000
Ohio	\$1,284,987	\$23,714,406
Oklahoma	\$608,113	\$4,580,640
Oregon	\$635,687	\$5,314,495
Pennsylvania	\$1,369,972	\$24,300,000
Rhode Island	\$426,717	\$4,722,500
South Carolina	\$653,074	\$220,000,000
South Dakota	\$385,952	\$26,250,000
Tennessee	\$788,841	\$1,500,000,000
Texas	\$2,302,679	\$86,723,981
Utah	\$552,373	\$376,000,000
Vermont	\$369,515	\$10,000,000
Virginia	\$941,715	\$870,126,170
Washington	\$871,242	\$241,200,000
West Virginia	\$452,475	\$44,195,063
Wisconsin	\$764,558	\$15,000,000
Wyoming	\$371,921	\$500,000
American Samoa	\$50,015	NR
District of Columbia	\$98,619	\$20,000,000
Guam	\$50,043	NR
Northern Marianas	\$50,014	NR
Puerto Rico	\$611,467	\$20,250,000
Virgin Islands	\$50,028	\$58,518,000
TOTAL	\$42,239,997	\$18,579,534,260

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE UNMET NEED IN 2012

The challenging economic conditions of the last five years have made it difficult for state and local governments to find the funds needed to maintain, improve, and expand their park systems. States report that the number of local LWCF grant applications has declined in 2012 as compared with previous years because communities are struggling to obtain the required match. At the same time, the NPS has also received reports from states of increases in the number of grant applications, as communities look for opportunities to make their local dollars go further. In either situation, without the financial resources to make needed repairs or upgrades, parks must limit public access to deteriorated facilities, reduce services offered, or even close the parks themselves.

Ironically, these same challenging economic conditions have given local parks and particularly state parks newfound popularity as destinations for Americans looking for inexpensive and easily accessible ways to take vacations and engage in leisure activities. The number of visitors to state parks has been increasing in recent years, in some cases to record-setting levels. Florida, Missouri, Montana, New York, and North Carolina are among the states reporting record park visitation in 2012. **This is significant because a 2011 North Carolina State University study estimated that state parks have an economic impact worth more than \$20 billion to the communities in which they are located** (NASPD Annual Information Exchange report).

Although the amount of need reported here is substantial, if it were met, the resulting increased visitation and improved visitor experiences would help parks and recreation facilities generate new income and revenue for the communities and states in which they are located. Repairs and upgrades to parks are capital investments with solid potential for economic return.

*Reflects a combination of appropriated funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (\$42.1 million) and supplemental apportionment from the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (\$101,527).

**Unmet needs shown are as reported by each State.

NR = not reporting

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

THE STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN (SCORP)

Section 6(d) of the LWCF Act states “a comprehensive statewide outdoor recreation plan shall be required prior to the consideration by the Secretary of financial assistance for acquisition or development projects.” This sets up a process where states and territories carefully consider recreation needs and trends, then set corresponding goals and priorities. They select LWCF projects for NPS consideration using criteria based on their SCORP priorities.

States and territories must produce a SCORP at least once every five years in order to maintain eligibility for LWCF State and Local Assistance funds. The LWCF Act also allows states to apply to NPS for planning grants to support the development of their SCORP. The NPS reviews each state’s SCORP to ensure it meets program requirements.

“These funds have allowed Berlin, New Hampshire to secure a real niche in the tourism industry. We host one of the largest parks specifically geared to OHRV and ATV recreation in the country. We are now a destination for thousands of enthusiasts who would not have even considered this as a vacation spot five years ago. It is still growing by leaps and bounds and the possibilities are endless.”

Paul Grenier, Mayor of Berlin, New Hampshire

IMPROVED OUTREACH AND EDUCATION FOR BETTER PLANS

The NPS is working in partnership with the Society of Outdoor Recreation Professionals (SORP), a non-profit group focused on providing national leadership in advancing the outdoor recreation profession, to improve the technical assistance that’s provided to state partners by NPS.

The NPS and SORP recognize the potential of the LWCF Act’s SCORP requirement to improve the quantity and quality of outdoor recreation resources, and have pledged to expand outreach to LWCF state agency partners to provide needed technical assistance and training. So far, the collaboration has resulted in a successful and well-attended education workshop held in conjunction with the SORP Conference in April 2012.

Over the past year, LWCF planning grants were awarded to 13 states and territories to support the development of SCORPs. The grants help pay for state-specific research about outdoor recreation needs, public planning workshops to identify outdoor recreation concerns and priorities, and the development of the SCORP document and related internet resources.

More information about SORP, formerly the National Association of Recreation Resource Planners (NARRP), can be found at www.RecPro.org



*Photo: Icelandic State Park, North Dakota
Credit: North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department*



*Photo: Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Center, Queen Creek, Arizona
Credit: Arizona State Parks*



Americans spend more on bicycling gear and trips (\$81 billion) than they do on airplane tickets and fees (\$51 billion).¹



2012 GRANT SITES

The 338 parks in this section were awarded grants during 2012 and are listed by the county and city in which they are located. National Park Service LWCF grants are awarded to state agencies who run competitions based on the priorities identified in their SCORP. Local municipalities and tribes interested in funding should contact these state partners, who can be found at www.nps.gov/lwcf under "contact list." Grant sites are organized by NPS LWCF geographic regions.

States have up to three years to commit grant funds to new projects. Some states consolidate multiple years' worth of funding into one grant round, and so they may not be listed for 2012.



Photo: Delta City Park, Utah
Credit: Phil Scoville



Photo: Fairview Park, City of Costa Mesa, California
Credit: City of Costa Mesa

"The Land and Water Conservation Fund has been essential for the establishment and development of 80 percent of our county parks. The LWCF grants have been a catalyst for funding from other sources which would otherwise not have occurred."

Chuck Stephenson, Administrator, Monroe County Parks and Recreation Department, Indiana

Photo: Balneario Cerro Gordo, Puerto Rico
Credit: Compañía de Parques Nacionales de Puerto Rico

PACIFIC WEST

CALIFORNIA

Contra Costa
Sycamore Valley Regional Open Space Preserve, Danville (11)

Fresno
Millerton Lake State Recreation Area, Friant (19)
Sanger Community Center Park, Sanger (20)

Humboldt
Pierson Park, McKinleyville (1)

Kern
Barker Park, Wasco (20)

Los Angeles
Johnny Carson Park, Burbank (29)
Summitridge Park, Diamond Bar (42)

Orange
Brentwood Park, Costa Mesa (46)
The Tracks at Brea, Brea (42)

San Diego
Alex Road Skatepark, Oceanside (49)
Live Oak Park, Fallbrook (49)
Santee Lakes Recreation Preserve, Santee (52)

San Mateo
Crystal Springs Regional Trail, San Mateo (14)
El Corte de Madera Open Space Preserve, Woodside (14)

Stanislaus
Pamela Monterosso Park, Modesto (18)

Ventura
Camarillo Grove Park, Camarillo (24)
McGrath State Beach, Oxnard (23)

IDAHO

Kootenai
Majestic Park, Rathdrum (1)

Power
Lee Street Park, American Falls (2)

NEVADA

Carson City
Edmonds Sports Complex, Carson City (2)

Lyon
In-Town Park, Fernley (2)

Elko
Wild Horse State Recreation Area, Elko (2)

Washoe
Bowers Mansion Regional Park, Reno (2)
Cold Springs Park, Reno (2)
Mogul Park, Reno (2)
Virginia Foothills Park, Reno (2)
Wilson Commons Park, Reno (2)

OREGON

Deschutes
Tumalo State Park, Bend (2)

Jackson
Valley of the Rogue State Park, Gold Hill (2)

Marion
Pioneer Park, Silverton (5)

WASHINGTON

Benton
Claybell Park, Richland (4)

Clallam
Shane Park, Port Angeles (6)

King
North Creek Forest, Bothell (1)

Lewis
Klickitat Prairie Park, Mossyrock (3)

Mason
Sunset Bluff Natural Area Park, Shelton (6)



Photo: Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park, Nevada
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Photo: Hookena Beach Park, Hawaii County, Hawaii
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Americans spend nearly as much on Snow Sports (\$53 billion) as they do on Internet access (\$54 billion).¹

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MIDWEST

- ARIZONA**
Mohave
 Lake Havasu State Park, Lake Havasu City (2)
- ARKANSAS**
Benton
 Devil's Eyebrow Natural Area, Garfield (3)
- Cleburne**
 Quitman City Park, Quitman (1)
- Drew**
 Burlington Park, Monticello (4)
 Jordan Park, Monticello (4)
 McCloy Park, Monticello (4)
 Monticello Sports Complex, Monticello (4)
- Independence**
 Foushee Cave Natural Area, Locust Grove (1)
- Jackson**
 George Kell Park, Newport (1)
- Jefferson**
 Lake Saracen Park, Pine Bluff (4)
 Townsend Park, Pine Bluff (4)
- Mississippi**
 East Side Park, Osceola (1)
- Ouachita**
 Ira Clark Park, Camden (4)
- White**
 Beebe Sports Complex, Beebe (2)
 Searcy Sports Complex, Searcy (2)

- COLORADO**
La Plata
 Animas River Trail, Durango (3)
 Memorial Park, Durango (3)
- Larimer**
 Fossil Creek Trail, Fort Collins (4)
- ILLINOIS**
Kane
 Bowes-Creek Woods, Plato Center (14)
- Peoria**
 Mossville Soccer Complex, Peoria (18)
- Will**
 Beane Homestead Park, Joliet (11)
- INDIANA**
Allen
 Riverside Garden Park, Leo (3)
- Morgan**
 White River Greenway, Waverly (4)
- Putnam**
 Big Walnut Community Park, Greencastle (8)
- Wells**
 Archbold Wilson Memorial Park, Ossian (6)

- IOWA**
Allamakee
 Lull's Park, Postville (1)
- Black Hawk**
 Deerwood Park, Evansdale (1)
- Cass**
 Lake Anita State Park, Anita (5)
- Humboldt**
 Renwick City Park, Renwick (4)
- Washington**
 Lake Darling State Park, Brighton (2)
- Webster**
 City Park, Clare (4)
- KANSAS**
Butler
 Garvin Park, Augusta (4)
- Montgomery**
 Elk City State Park, Independence (4)

- MICHIGAN**
Allegan
 Township Recreation Complex, Holland (2)
- Berrien**
 North Lake Park, Stevensville (6)
- Crawford**
 Crawford County Sports Complex, Grayling (1)
- Grand Traverse**
 Clinch Park, Traverse City (4)
- Muskegon**
 Mona Lake Park, Muskegon (2)
- Newaygo**
 Bridgeton River Launch Park, Grant (2)
- Saginaw**
 Richland Township Park, Hemlock (4)
- Wayne**
 Plymouth Township Park, Plymouth (11)

- MINNESOTA**
Dakota
 Skyview Park, Inver Grove Heights (2)
- Douglas**
 Memorial Park, Alexandria (7)
- Faribault**
 Steinberg Nature Center, Blue Earth (1)
- Fillmore**
 Forestville State Park, Preston (1)
- Goodhue**
 City Park, Dennison (2)
- Itasca**
 Town Park, Deer River (8)
- Marshall**
 Stan Holmass Memorial Park, Newfolden (7)
- Scott**
 Greenfield East Park, Shakopee (2)
- Wadena**
 Spirit Lake Park, Menahga (8)
- Waseca**
 Eastwood Estates Park, Janesville (1)
- Washington**
 William O'Brien State Park, Marine on Saint Croix (6)
- Winona**
 Lake Winona Park, Winona (1)
 Whitewater State Park, Altura (1)
- Wright**
 Monticello Athletic Complex, Monticello (6)

- MISSOURI**
Adair
 Jaycee Park, Kirksville (9)
- Benton**
 Bledsoe Ferry Park, Warsaw (4)
- Douglas**
 Ava City Park, Ava (8)
- Dunklin**
 District Baseball/Softball Complex, Malden (8)
- Franklin**
 City Park, Gerald (9)
- Gasconade**
 McQuire Park, Linn (9)
 Memorial Park, Owensville (9)
- Gentry**
 Wildkat Track, King City (9)
- Howell**
 Don Warden Park, West Plains (8)
- Jackson**
 Lea McKeighan Park, Lee's Summit (5)
 Sarah Coleman-Livengood Park, Lee's Summit (5)
- Jasper**
 Parr Hill Trail, Joplin (7)
- New Madrid**
 City Park, Matthews (8)
 School Playground, Risco (8)
- Pemiscot**
 Hayti City Park, Hayti (8)
- Saint Charles**
 Jaycee Park, Saint Charles (2)
- Scotland**
 Lake Show Me, Memphis (9)
- Texas**
 Rutherford Park, Houston (8)

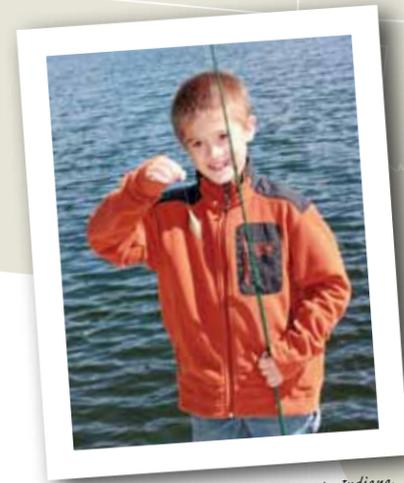


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Photo: Devil's Den State Park, Arkansas
 Credit: Chelsea Sullivan

“The availability of the Land and Water Conservation Fund has enabled the Colorado State Park System to design and build two of the largest dog off-leash areas in the country at Chatfield and Cherry Creek State Parks. These areas are wildly popular and serve a growing recreational need in the state.”

**Thomas Morrissey, State Liaison Officer,
 Colorado Parks and Outdoor Recreation**

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MIDWEST (CONTINUED)

MONTANA

Jefferson
Whitehall Outdoor Recreation Park, Whitehall

Lewis and Clark
Mount Ascension Natural Park, Helena

Phillips
Malta City Pool, Malta
Miller Park, Saco

Toole
Johnson Memorial Park, Shelby

NEBRASKA

Cass
Elmwood Village Park, Elmwood (1)
Louisville Lakes State Recreation Area,
Louisville (1)

Douglas
Two Rivers State Recreation Area, Yutan (2)

Frontier
McKinley Park, Cambridge (3)

Furnas
South Park, Arapahoe (3)

Gage
Riverside Park, Beatrice (1)

Keith
Lake Ogallala State Recreation Area, Ogallala (3)

Lancaster
Branched Oak State Recreation Area,
Raymond (1)

Loup
Calamus Reservoir State Recreation Area,
Burwell (3)

Nemaha
Sportsman's Park, Johnson (1)

Saunders
Ceresco Park, Ceresco (1)
Fremont Lakes State Recreation Area, Fremont (1)

NEW MEXICO

Cibola
Bluewater Lake State Park, Prewitt (2, 3)

Luna
Pancho Villa State Park, Columbus (2)
Rock Hound State Park, Deming (2)

Roosevelt
Oasis State Park, Portales (3)

NORTH DAKOTA

Burleigh
Lions Park, Bismarck

McIntosh
Lake Hoskins Park, Ashley

Mercer
Central Park, Beulah

Pembina
Riverside Park, Walhalla

Ramsey
Grahams Island State Park, Devils Lake

Richland
Fairmount Park, Fairmount

OHIO

Cuyahoga
Forest Ridge Preserve, Moreland Hills (14)

Holmes
Winesburg Park, Millersburg (18)

Lorain
The Rowland Nature Preserve, Elyria (13)

Portage
Hiram School Park, Hiram (14)

Stark
Fairhope Nature Preserve, Canton (16)

Trumbull
Ag Center Pavilion, Warren (17)

OKLAHOMA

Bryan
Keithley Park, Durant (2)
Lloyd Plyler Park, Durant (2)

Canadian
Sunrise Park, Yukon (3)

Kingfisher
Hennessey Recreational Park, Hennessey (3)

McClain
Legacy Park, Goldsby (4)

Oklahoma
Heritage Park, Harrah (5)

Pontotoc
Tiger Veterans Memorial Park, Roff (4)

Tulsa
Collinsville City Park, Collinsville (1)

Washita
Cordell Park, Cordell (3)

SOUTH DAKOTA

Lincoln
Blood Run State Park, Harrisburg



Photo: Horicon Marsh Wildlife Area, Wisconsin
Credit: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

TEXAS

Camp
Fair Park, Pittsburg (4)

Collin
Slayter Creek Park, Anna (4)

Leon
Joseph A. Sullivan Park, Centerville (6)

McLennan
McBrayer Park, Lorena (17)

Zavala
Juan Garcia Park, Crystal City (23)

UTAH

Cache
Salt Hollow Park, Hyrum (1)

Washington
A. H. Gubler Park, Santa Clara (2)
Sky Ridge Park, Hurricane (2)

WISCONSIN

Grant
Wyalusing State Park, Bagley (3)

Kenosha
Simmons Island Park, Kenosha (1)

Milwaukee
Abendschein Park, Oak Creek (1)

Rock
MaryBelle's View Park, Turtle (1)

Walworth
Big Foot Beach State Park, Lake Geneva (1)
White River Trail Park, Lake Geneva (1)

WYOMING

Albany
Undine Park, Laramie

Crook
Sundance Municipal Pool, Sundance
Westview Park, Moorcroft

Laramie
Holliday Park, Cheyenne

Park
Meeteetse Rodeo Arena, Meeteetse

Platte
Glendo State Park, Glendo

Sheridan
Centennial Park, Story

Sweetwater
Crossroads West Park, Rock Springs

Teton
Alta Park, Alta
Owen Bircher Park, Wilson

Uinta
Mountain View Town Park, Mountain View

"In small towns around Montana, LWCF grants have helped establish so many recreational facilities that their legacy will live forever through healthy families and great memories. The LWCF program is vital to helping parks, schools, and communities develop places for children to play and grow."

Chas van Genderen, Administrator,
Montana State Parks



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More than 725 million visits to state parks provided a collective \$20 billion economic benefit to communities surrounding state parks nationwide.¹

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SOUTHEAST

ALABAMA

- Autauga**
Autauga Creek Park, Prattville (2)
- Baldwin**
Fairhope Municipal Park, Fairhope (1)
- Blount**
Hayden Community Park, Hayden (4)
Locust Fork Park, Locust Fork (4)
Palisades Park, Oneonta (4)
- Cullman**
Sportsman Lake Park, Cullman (4)
- Dale**
R.A. Culppepper Park, Daleville (2)
- DeKalb**
DeSoto State Park, Fort Payne (4)
Ider Town Park, Ider (4)
- Etowah**
Wilson Park, Glencoe (4)
- Franklin**
Phil Campbell Park, Phil Campbell (4)
- Geneva**
Alabama & Florida Rail Trail, Geneva (2)
- Houston**
Ashford Recreation Park, Ashford (2)
Eastgate Park, Dothan (2)
Taylor Walking Trail Park, Taylor (2)
- Jackson**
Hollywood Town Park, Hollywood (5)
- Jefferson**
Black Creek Park, Fultondale (6)
McCallum Park, Vestavia Hills (6)
- Lawrence**
North Courtland Community Park, North Courtland (5)
Town Creek Park, Town Creek (5)
- Marshall**
Civitan Park, Guntersville (4)
Lake Guntersville State Park, Guntersville (4)
- Morgan**
Brindley Mountain Park, Union Grove (4)
Founders Park, Decatur (5)
- Pike**
Troy Recreation Sportsplex, Troy (2)

- Russell**
Southside Park, Phenix City (3)
- Shelby**
Oak Mountain State Park, Pelham (6)
- Talladega**
Top Trails Park, Talladega (3)
- Tuscaloosa**
Munny Sokol Park, Northport (6)

FLORIDA

- Brevard**
Community Center Park, Sebastian (15)
- Broward**
Mainlands Park, Tamarac (20)
Rivermont, Fort Lauderdale (20)
- Indian River**
FCT-II Park, Fellsmere (15)
- Miami-Dade**
Sevilla Estates Park, Miami Lakes (25)
Intracoastal Park, Sunny Isles Beach (20)
Waterfront Park, Bay Harbor Islands (20)
- Palm Beach**
Acreage Community Park, West Palm Beach (16)
Anchorage Park, North Palm Beach (22)
Bicentennial Park, Riviera Beach (22)
Inlet Village Park, Jupiter (16)
Pine Glades Natural Area, Jupiter (16)
Willows Park, Royal Palm Beach (22)
- Pasco**
Sims Park, New Port Richey (9)
- Pinellas**
Lake Maggiore Park, Saint Petersburg (11)
Mobbly Bayou Wilderness Preserve, Oldsmar (9)
Waterfront Park, Seminole (10)
- Seminole**
Reiter Park, Longwood (7)
Veterans Memorial Park, Sanford (3)

GEORGIA

- Banks**
City Park Playground, Maysville (10)
- Berrien**
Lucy Ross Park aka Bee Tree Park, Nashville (1)
- Carroll**
Temple Park, Temple (11)
- Cobb**
Silver Comet Trail Linear Park, Powder Springs (13)
- Colquitt**
Main Street Park, Moultrie (8)
- Franklin**
Tugaloo State Park, Lavonia (10)
- Fulton**
Wills Park, Alpharetta (6)
- McDuffie**
Thomson City Park, Thomson (10)
- Newton**
City Pond Park, Covington (7)
Yellow River Park, Porterdale (8)
- Peach**
Hunt Educational & Cultural Park, Fort Valley (2)
- Whitfield**
Broadus-Durkan Soccer Complex, Dalton (9)

KENTUCKY

- Ballard**
La Center City Park, La Center (1)
- Christian**
Pennyrile State Resort Park, Hopkinsville (1)
- Clay**
Bert T. Combs Park, Manchester (5)
- Crittenden**
Marion/Crittenden County Park, Marion (1)
- Franklin**
Cove Spring Park, Frankfort (6)
- Henderson**
Sandy Lee Watkins County Park, Henderson (1)
- Hopkins**
Dawson Springs City Park, Dawson Springs (1)
- Jefferson**
Cross Creek Park, Middletown (3)
- Johnson**
Escom Chandler Park, Paintsville (5)
- Knox**
Thompson Park, Barbourville (5)
- Madison**
Lake Reba Park, Richmond (6)
- Marshall**
Calvert City Country Club, Calvert City (1)
- Mason**
Dover City Park, Dover (4)
- McLean**
Jerry Zuehl Memorial Skate Park, Livermore (1)
- Pike**
Bob Amos Park, Pikeville (5)
- Russell**
Lake Cumberland Recreational Center, Jamestown (1)
Leroy Rowe Memorial Park, Russell Springs (1)
- Shelby**
Shelby Trails Park, Simpsonville (2)

LOUISIANA

- Ascension**
Lamendola Trail and Nature Center, Gonzales (3)
- Concordia**
Dr. William T. Polk City Park, Vidalia (5)
- Saint Charles**
Rathborne Park, Luling (3)
- Washington**
Cassidy Park, Bogalusa (1)
Washington Parish Recreation Complex, Franklinton (1)

MISSISSIPPI

- Bolivar**
Great River Road State Park, Rosedale (2)
- Copiah**
Calling Panther Lake, Crystal Springs (2)
- Scott**
Roosevelt State Park, Morton (3)

NORTH CAROLINA

- Yadkin**
Pilot Mountain State Park, East Bend (5)

PUERTO RICO

- Vega Alta**
El Balneario de Cerro Gordo, Vega Alta

SOUTH CAROLINA

- Aiken**
Riverview Park, North Augusta (3)
- Charleston**
Walnut Hill Park, Meggett (6)
- Dorchester**
Givhans Ferry State Park, Ridgeville (6)

TENNESSEE

- Benton**
Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park, Eva (8)
- Campbell**
Norris Dam State Park, Lake City (4)
- Carter**
Roan Mountain State Park, Roan Mountain (1)
- Cumberland**
Cumberland Mountain State Park, Crossville (4)
- DeKalb**
Edgar Evins State Park, Silver Point (6)
- Fentress**
Pickett State Park, Jamestown (4)
- Hardin**
Pickwick Landing State Park, Pickwick Dam (7)
- Henderson**
Natchez Trace State Park, Wildersville (7)
- Lake**
Reelfoot Lake State Park, Tiptonville (8)
- Lawrence**
David Crockett State Park, Lawrenceburg (4)
- Marshall**
Henry Horton State Park, Chapel Hill (6)
- Morgan**
Frozen Head State Park, Wartburg (4)
- Overton**
Standing Stone State Park, Hilham (6)
- Shelby**
Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park, Millington (8)
- Wilson**
Cedars of Lebanon State Park, Lebanon (6)

Puerto Rico & U.S. Virgin Islands



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NORTHEAST

CONNECTICUT

- Hartford**
Dinosaur State Park, Rocky Hill (1)
- Middlesex**
Chatfield Hollow State Park, Killingworth (2)
- New London**
Hopeville Pond State Park, Griswold (2)
Salt Rock State Campground, Sprague (2)

DELAWARE

- New Castle**
Auburn Heights Preserve, Yorklyn
Brandywine Creek State Park, Wilmington
- Sussex**
Cape Henlopen State Park, Lewes

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- District Of Columbia**
Randall Recreation Center

MAINE

- Cumberland**
Johnson Field Playground, Standish (1)
Sebago Lake State Park, Casco (1)
- Hancock**
Lamoine State Park, Ellsworth (2)
- Kennebec**
Vassalboro Recreational Field, Vassalboro (1)
- Knox**
Camden Hills State Park, Camden (1)
Camden Snow Bowl, Camden (1)
Warren Island State Park, Islesboro (2)
- Lincoln**
Colonial Pemaquid Historic Park, New Harbor (1)
- Somerset**
Hathorn Park, Pittsfield (2)

York

- Old Orchard Beach Skate Park,
Old Orchard Beach (1)

MARYLAND

- Frederick**
Cunningham Falls State Park, Thurmont (6)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Belknap**
Tioga Pavilion and Riverwalk, Belmont (1)
- Coos**
Jericho Mountain State Park, Berlin (2)
- Grafton**
Newfound Lake Pathway, Hebron (2)
- Merrimack**
Carpenter Park, Chichester (2)
Odell Park, Franklin (2)
- Rockingham**
North Hampton State Beach,
North Hampton (1)
Harborside Park, Seabrook (1)
- Strafford**
Noble Pines Park, Somersworth (1)

NEW JERSEY

- Essex**
Riverfront Park, Newark (13)
- NEW YORK**
- Albany**
John B. Thacher State Park, Voorheesville (21)
- Dutchess**
James Baird State Park, Pleasant Valley (20)
- Rensselaer**
Grafton Lakes State Park, Grafton (20)
- Rockland**
Bear Mountain State Park, Bear Mountain (19)
- Saratoga**
Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs (20)
- Suffolk**
Sunken Meadow State Park, Kings Park (1)

PENNSYLVANIA

- Allegheny**
Brentwood Community Park, Pittsburgh (18)
- Blair**
Memorial Park, Altoona (9)
- York**
Penn Park, York (19)

VIRGINIA

- Accomack**
Robert N. Reed Park, Chincoteague Island (2)
- Augusta**
Natural Chimneys Park, Mount Solon (6)
- Chesterfield**
Appomattox River Canoe Launch Park,
Petersburg (4)
- Fairfax**
Lee District Park, Alexandria (8)
- Franklin**
Waid Park, Rocky Mount (5)
- Gloucester**
Woodville Park, Hayes (1)
- Harrisonburg City**
Purcell Park, Harrisonburg (6)
- Isle of Wight**
Carrollton Nike District Park, Carrollton (4)
- James City**
Jamestown Beach Park, Williamsburg (1)

Suffolk City

- Sleepy Hole Park, Suffolk (4)

WEST VIRGINIA

- Barbour**
Barbour County Park, Belington (1)
- Harrison**
Ferguson Memorial Park, Shinnston (1)
Veteran's Memorial Park, Clarksburg (1)
- Jefferson**
Hite Road Park, Leetown (2)
- Kanawha**
Ridenour Memorial Park, Nitro (2)
- Marshall**
Glen Dale City Park, Glen Dale (1)
- Monongalia**
Mayfield Park, Morgantown (1)
- Tucker**
River City Park, Parsons (1)
- Wood**
Fort Neal Park, Parkersburg (1)

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“Protecting America’s parks, waters, and trails isn’t just about the land. It’s about protecting the economy, the communities, and the people whose lives depend on having the ability to play outside.”

Outdoor Industry Association

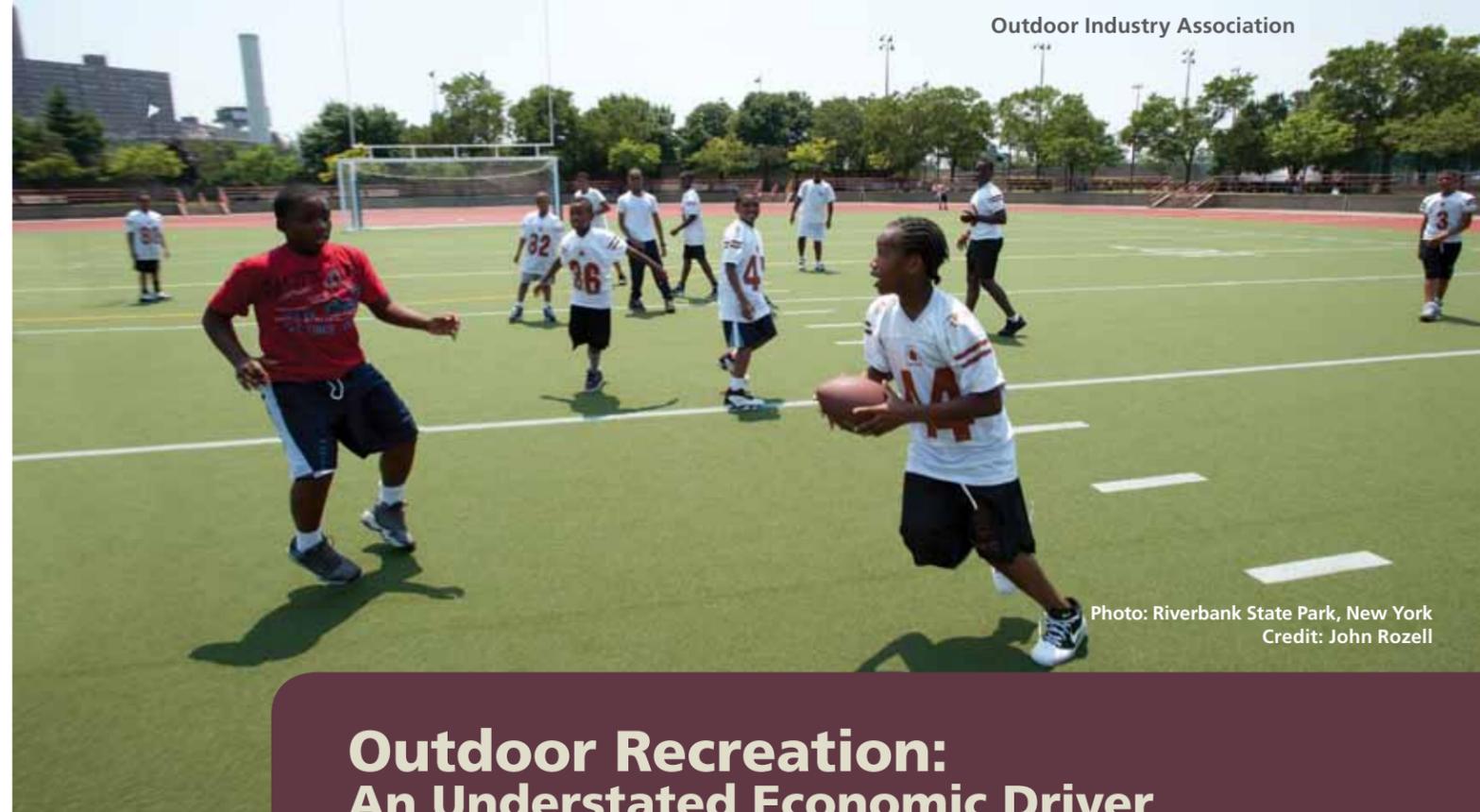


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Outdoor Recreation: An Understated Economic Driver

Since 2006, each year on average the outdoor recreation industry directly provides:

- 6.1 million American jobs
- \$646 billion in outdoor recreation spending
- \$39.9 billion in federal tax revenue
- \$39.7 billion in state/local tax revenue

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